

Application No.: 10/782,946
Amendment dated August 3, 2004
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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated June 17, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicant has amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Claims 19-34 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 19-34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-7, 9-11 and 13-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,110. Applicant respectfully submits the claims of the present application are not obvious. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant files a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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